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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.28(a) FOR REFUND PURSUANT TO §1.26

Sir:

The undersigned was advised by Applicants that the entity status of the application was erroneously established as a large entity. The error occurred without deceptive intent.

Applicants assert that they qualify as a small entity.

This submission is being submitted to request a refund for each previous fee erroneously paid as a large entity in accordance with 37 CFR 1.28(a). This submission is being filed within three months of the May 17, 2006 date of the timely payment of the full fee. Below is an itemization of the fees previously paid:

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Date	Type of Fee	Current Fee for Large Entity Erroneously Paid	Current Fee for Small Entity	Difference
May 17, 2006	Basic National Fee	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
May 17, 2006	Examination Fee	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
May 17, 2006	Search Fee	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$200.00
Total Refund Amount:				\$500.00

It is respectfully requested that, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.26, a refund be made for \$500.00 to our Deposit Account No. 08-2461 for erroneously designating Applicants as a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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